Construction of Godown for FCI

2491. SHRI R.T. GOPALAN: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Food Corporation of India has allowed private and Government agencies in States and Union Territories to construct godowns for the use of FCI;

(b) if so, the number of such godowns constructed during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that FCI has hired private godowns instead of using the godowns constructed by private and Government agencies; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that private and Government agency contractors are yet to receive huge amount of arrears due from FCI and if so the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A satement showing State-wise and agency-wise breakdown of the storage capacity constructed by Food Corporation of India and public sector agencies on behalf of the Corporation during the last three years is attached [*See* Appendix CXL, Annexure No. 97] No private party constructed godowns for the Corporations use during this period.

(c) The Corporation hires storage capacity constructed by private parties-public sector agencies for its use. However, when additional storage capacity is required or after the expiry of the guarantee period if the terms and conditions offered by these parties are not suitable or operational considerations come in the way, the Corporation hires storage capacity from other parties.

(d) No, Sir.

Irregularities in quality control provisions of ISI

2492. SHRI D.B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Special Committee of I. S. I. on 18-8-86 has concluded that the Thin Walled Mild Steel Tubes (LGS Pipes), if used for any purpose other than Sprinkler Irrigation Equipment would be covered under Quality Control Order 1978, whereas another Committee of ISI has concluded on 5.9.1986 that these pipes can be used for other purposes also;

(b) if so, whether the opinion dated 5th September, 1986, as aforesaid, is in violation of Quality Control Order 1978 even of recommending temporary use of these pipes for other purposes and in contradiction of the findings of the Special Committee dated 18-8-1986; and

(c) if the reply to part (b) above is in the affirmative, what steps Government have taken or propose to take to rectify the aforesaid irregularities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) In the meeting held in the Indian Standards Institution, New Delhi on 18-8-86, it was decided, *inter alia*, that the suitability of thinwalled mild steel tubes for purpose other than sprinkler irrigation should be considered. This issue was considered in a meetng of ISI's Divisional Council, viz. SMDC 22/AG on 5-9-1986 which come to the conclusion that these pipes could be used for certain specific purposes, where ease of transporation and quick assembling and dismantling are the prime requisites. No contradictory decisions have thus been taken.

(c) Does not arise.

Wheat and Paddy procurement in Punjab and Haryana

2493. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to refer to the reply to Starred Question No. 277 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 21st November, 1986 and state what are the reasons for F.C.I.'s share in procurement of paddy and wheat in Punjab and Haryana is less than that procured by the private traders during the current season?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): Procurement of wheat and paddy by the public procurement agencies, including the Food Corporation of India, in Punjab and Haryana under price support operations takes place when farmers are unable to obtain better prices in the market than the support prices fixed by the Government. The traders and millers are able to buy more paddy during the current season as they are offering the farmers a price higher than the support price. In the case of wheat, the purchases of the traders are insignificant.

सरकारी क्वार्टरों में बरामदों का कवर किया जाना

2494. **श्री रामचन्द्र विकल :** क्या शहरी विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि केन्द्रीय लोक निर्माण विभाग, नयी दिल्ली के अधीक्षक इंजीनियर दिल्ली केन्द्रीय परिमण्डल सं0 VI ने अपने 23 जून, 1986 के ज्ञापन सं० 23/18/दि० के० परि० 14/86/3182 द्वारा कुछ सरकारी क्वार्टरों में बरामदों को कवर करने के लिए प्रशासनिक अनुमोदन तथा वित्तीय स्वीकृति दी थी ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो कितने क्वार्टरों के लिए यह मंजूरी दी गई है ;

(ग) प्रत्येक मण्डल में कितने क्वार्टरों में यह कार्य पूरा कर दिया गया हैं ;

(घ) क्या कुछ क्वार्टरों में कार्य अभी तक शुरू नहीं किया गया है; यदि हां, तो ऐसे क्वार्टरों का मण्डलवार ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ङ) क्या सरकार शेष क्वार्टरों में यह काय शीघ्र ही पूरा करने का विचार रखती है, यदि हां, तो कब तक; और

(च) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

शहरी विकास मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री दलबीर सिंह) : (क) से (च) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है तथा सभा पटल पर रख दी जायगी ।

Mayors as 'First Citizen'

2495. SHRI RAM AWADESH SINGH

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a demand has recently been made for recognition of Mayors as 'first citizens' by the All India Council of Mayors;

(b) whether Government are also aware of the resolution passed by the said Council expressing its concern regarding the supersession of 50 per cent Municipal Corporations in the country;

(c) whether concern has also been expressed by the said Council at withholding elections; and

(d) if so, what action Central Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) No resoultion to this effort was passed by the Executive Committee of All India Council of Mayors at the meeting held in New Delhi on 15th and 16th October, 1986.

(b) to (d) It had come to the notice of the Central Government that in a number of Municipalities and Corporations, elections were not held for quite some time.

A resolution has been passed in the recently concluded 23rd Meeting of the